

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action mailed April 24, 2007, the Examiner required Applicant to elect one of the following groups of species: (I) Figs. 1 - 7; (2) Figs. 8 - 17; and (3) Figs. 18 - 21.

Applicant hereby elects the species of group I, Figures 1 - 7, for the purposes of examination. Claims 29 - 39 correspond to the elected species. Applicant agrees that none of the claims are currently generic.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

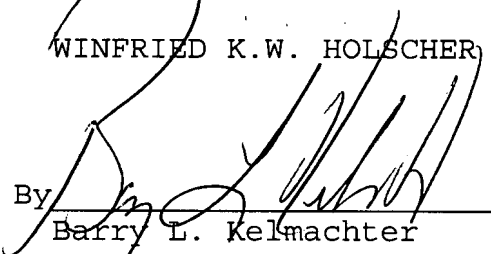
Should the Examiner believe an amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Karen M. Gill, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313" on May 21, 2007.

